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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re: Application of: James F. Aaron****Serial No.: 10/824,265****Filed: April 14, 2004****Group Art Unit: 3679****Examiner: Ernesto Garcia****Docket No: 275143.100****HEAVY-DUTY MAT PANEL  
CONNECTOR AND SYSTEM FOR  
CONNECTING MAT PANELS**

November 7, 2008

**VIA U.S. EXPRESS MAIL**

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Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandra, Virginia 22313-1450

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 7, 2008, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

***Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.***

***Applicant's Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4.***